

a thick fleshy albumen in the same family - *Limnium* (including *Reinem*) - *Sapotaceae* - *Rhizophora* etc. but I did not expect it in *Rubiacae*.

Mortimer is printing my *Oranien Leguminosae* - but I am afraid the selection of the plates will not be of the best. There is no one who will make the drawings here on his terms, nor indeed can drawings be got within a reasonable time on any terms - and Mortimer has not very copious materials and notwithstanding what I may seem disposed to treat the subscribers with copied two or three copied plates - I have however sent him specimens to figure of some genera - but it is awkward printing a work at such a distance from the author that he cannot see the proofs.

We are delighted with the prospect of seeing you again on this side of the water and sincerely hope you will bring Mr Gray with you.

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My dear Gray

I shall be very much obliged to you for the Hong Kong things of which you mention and shall be happy to name any doubtful ones generally. Dr Harland (recently appointed Colonial surgeon there) has been over here and brought with him a great many interesting species which he and Hance had collected making an addition of at least 50 or 60 species to those enumerated by Seemann from that little bit of an island - including a handsome new *Melastomaceae* plant - not a *Melastoma* from the top of Victoria Peak and 4 fine *Carex*'s besides the *C. chinensis* and *C. indica* already known from there. I named Dr Harland's plants for him and have kept the novelties with the intention of getting up a paper for the Linnean on the additions to Seemann's list. Amongst others there is a

shrub which has all the characters of *Reptonia* (you are aware I suppose that *Reptonia* & the adjoining genus DC; Prod. are identical as to species) but the inflorescence different of which I should be very anxious to see more perfect specimens. There is also a very fine *Polypoma*. If you are publishing Wrights I had better perhaps send you the descriptions of *Koeleria* so as to make one paper of both.

Species *Canariensis* and *Brenneri* plants which I am now preparing for distribution supply many capital things - One I consider a great catch *Artemisia Braichenis* in excellent flower - which shows that the strongly doubted origin of the plant was after all correct - and the specimens look as if they had served as the model of Desfontaines' or rather Turpin's figure made up of mere fragments. I feel more and more convinced that this and *Napoleon* should be associated with *Ulysses* and are not more anomalous than *Secythis* and *Barringtonia*. I have already also come across *Ranunculus* HBR

with a second species - a second species of *Leptia* Schomb. which in describing further I referred to *Pachyraea* Steud. it has 5 stamens - a second species of *Rhoportylum* HBR ^{but} with only 5 stamens & anomalous *Lactuca* - 5 or 6 new *Mitella* several fine *Platanus* etc.

Greene is doing wonders with the West Indian Flora. What is known has been published in so many independent places that when they come to be investigated the ^{same} species prove to have been placed so frequently in different genera that the necessary cutting down is greater perhaps than in any other exotic flora. I think his book promises to be a very useful one.

I am afraid it will be some time before you get any of Greene's *Barringtonia* plants for they are not yet despatched from that country - and after that I am now doing there is still the Upper Amazon and Tapoto collection which I have not even unpacked.

You startle me about the embryo of *Guettarda* which adds another instance to the many we know already of a thick almost exalbuminous embryo, and